

Job Opportunities in the MSYEP

The Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program partners with over 125 community and government agencies to provide a wide variety of first or early work experiences for Cambridge teens. When you fill-out your application, you will be asked to rank the types of work you're interested in. Below, find brief descriptions of the types of work available, as well as some descriptions of specialized programs that teens can choose to participate in this summer.

Work with Senior Citizens—Responsibilities might include: leading or participating in games or physical fitness activities with seniors, serving snacks or meals, answering questions or providing basic assistance to seniors in a supported setting.

Environmental Projects—Responsibilities might include: working as an individual or as part of a team, working indoors and outdoors, doing research, collecting data or specimens from nature, making phone calls or visits to local businesses, minor construction, writing; all on projects related to the environment.

Teen Leadership Projects—You will work with a group of other teens (and a supportive adult) on a project or projects, usually with a focused theme. Many of the projects listed at the end of this document are Teen Leadership Projects.

Arts/Theater—Both visual and performing arts programs are available, including photography, dance, acting, theater technical support, set design, and graphic design. Responsibilities might include producing art, theater or dance; participating in a program; or teaching others.

Office or Library Work—Responsibilities could include: filing, shredding, photocopying, scanning, organizing, collating, cleaning, putting together mailings, running errands, making or answering phone calls, interaction with clients. Almost exclusively indoor, individual work in quiet environments.

Healthcare/Science—For responsibilities, see Office or Library work above, but specifically in a healthcare or scientific setting.

Media and Web Production—Responsibilities might include: writing, storytelling, filming, editing, acting, graphic design, photography, basic web design, work-related social networking.

Working with Children in Daycares or Preschools—Responsibilities might include: leading games or activities with the children, modeling behaviors for the children, serving snacks or meals, cleaning, organizing, interacting with parents and teachers, going on short field trips to

local parks, going in sprinklers or wading pools. All with children under age 5. Please note: due to state regulations, 14 year-olds cannot be assigned to work in daycares or preschools.

Working with Children in Summer Camps—Responsibilities might include: leading games or activities with the children, modeling behaviors for the children, serving snacks or meals, cleaning, organizing, interacting with parents and teachers, going on field trips which may require going in the water at beaches or pools, participating in sports and other physical activities. All with children ages 4-13.

Landscaping and Maintenance—Responsibilities might include: cleaning, organizing, lifting and moving furniture, using light tools, painting, raking, sweeping, mopping. Frequently working outdoors.

Specialized Worksites

Rise Up—Rise Up offers an exciting opportunity for students entering Cambridge Rindge and Latin School as 9th graders this fall to get a head start on their high school career! Rise Up combines academics, physical fitness, career exploration and community service learning to help prepare teens for their next step. Interested students must register with both Rise Up (through Cambridge Public Schools) and MSYEP.

Public Art Youth Council--Is art important to you? Do you think it's important in our community? Be an ambassador for public art in Cambridge! The Public Art Youth Council (PAYC) combines the unique voice of Cambridge youth with the new and existing public art throughout the city. You can help shape how our community looks and feels!

Creative Action Project—The Creative Action Project is a special program just for girls! At CAP, you can explore issues and subjects that matter to you through projects, activities, field trips and community service. You'll get to do art projects, play games and have fun, all while developing leadership skills to help you in college and beyond! If you're creative, adventurous, and want to be a leader, CAP wants you to join us this summer!

Boys II Men—The Boys II Men project is a leadership and empowerment group that will allow young men to learn while working and having fun. Apprentices will work together to analyze media, cook health meals, design workshops and create personal, professional portfolios that can be used for applying to colleges and jobs.

Community Art Center Teen Media Project—The Community Art Center's Teen Media Program Intensive offers tracks for teens interested in learning Digital Video production, Digital Art production, and Public Art. Whatever form of modern art interests you, there's a way to explore it in CAC's Teen Media Project!

Beyond the 4th Wall—Do you like to act, sing and dance? Are you interested in art or design? Do you like to be creative while meeting new people? Come join us for our summer program where you can be a part of a huge, Broadway-style show! Whether you are a performer in our musical or a member of our crew, you will be absolutely essential to the Beyond the 4th Wall team.

Team GreenSense—Are you looking for a great way to make money, learn about the environment and help your community this summer? Help Cambridge further its green efforts and prove that one person CAN make a difference. We are looking for energetic, positive curious team-players to join our GreenSense team! Learn about local green programs, participate in service projects, and develop an outreach plan to inform the public about this topic. Sponsored by Cambridge Public Works.

Cambridge Youth Police Academy—We want Cambridge teens that are interested in learning what it takes to have a successful career in law enforcement! Learn the role of local and federal law enforcement by participating in hands-on activities, and pick up the skills needed in the field.

Girls Taking Action—Girls Taking Action is a girls' leadership and empowerment program that uses fun, interactive and hands-on workshops and activities to explore social issues and solutions. You will leave with the knowledge, skills and experiences to be your own leader and choose the future you desire as the confident woman you will become!

Leaders in Action—Get FIT with Frisoli! Are you a Leader In Action? This summer, the LIA program will explore ways to maintain great physical and mental health! We'll host events geared towards building and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Find out about resources across the city that can help you stay healthy, and share that information with your peers! Namaste!

My City My Voice—Use your creativity to show Cambridge who YOU really are! Work with professional artists to create an original public performance that promotes a positive image of teens in Cambridge. Explore important issues through poetry, visual arts and music while using social media tools to share your work!

Summer Ecology Camp at Alewife Reservation—The Summer Ecology Camp at Alewife Reservation is a rare opportunity for teens to spend their summer outside in nature enjoying streams and woodlands while learning, observing and working on local conservation. Learn about the amazing biodiversity right here in Cambridge and do your part to protect it!

Just-A-Start—Are you a hard worker? If so, we want you! We work hard but end up having just as much fun! We have field trips, prizes, and games for those that handle their business. You will learn how to handle your money, see the possibilities for future careers, and learn skills

that can benefit you in the long-term, like landscaping, painting and basic job skills while improving our Cambridge community!

Cambridge Community Television—Apply to work as a Media Artist during CCTV’s popular Summer Media Institute. Learn to use media to tell stories about yourself, your life, or your community. No prior media or video experience is required, but you must be interested in learning how to use cameras and computers to make videos about things that matter to you.

Youth Action Corps of Transition House—Are you, or could you be a leader in your community? Could you be the one to step up and speak out about disrespect in our community? Do you want to be the one that DOES something to change family and teen relationships in Cambridge for the better? The Youth Action Corps will act, perform, host fun activities, write a blog and create fashion, all with the purpose of preventing teen dating violence and domestic violence. Join Youth Action Corps!

Youth Underground—Youth Underground is the resident Teen Performance group at Central Square Theater. YU members receive training in acting, creating a new play, and public speaking. This summer, Youth Underground will begin to develop a new play about youth, social media, and cyber-bullying. In order to create this new play, YU members will be expected to conduct interviews with community members and each other. There will be a stage reading performance of the script where audience members will be surveyed for their feedback on the new script.

MetaMovements—Are you an artist, but unsure how to turn that into a career? Do you want to engage your community, but don't know where to start? Our Arts Ambassadors for Health and Social Change program is looking for young, passionate leaders interested in community empowerment and the arts. We help artists learn how to WORK using dance, theater and the media arts to empower their communities! Ambassadors will build their public health knowledge and develop skills in social marketing, finance and entrepreneurship. Become an Ambassador today!

Boston Mobilization—Want to make a difference in your community? Interested in being a leader? Want to develop friendships with people from all different walks of life? Join us this summer for a life-changing social justice experience!

City Peace—Ever think about being an event planner, activist, lawyer, politician, social worker, psychologist, or marketing professional? If your answer to any of those is YES, take your first step toward building the skills necessary to launch your career by joining this year's CityPeace program! This is a great opportunity to build great skills and make a difference in your community!

Workforce Summer College Immersion Program—The Workforce Summer SAT Prep and College Immersion Program will better prepare rising high school seniors for the college application process. The program will teach SAT Prep and College Writing courses to youth living in Cambridge Housing Authority sites. Youth will also take weekly college tours throughout New England. By the end of the six-week program, students will have visited ten colleges and drafted their college essay.

MSYEP Yearbook—Design our online yearbook! What should be in it? How should it look? You decide the content! You take the photos! You design the layout! You write the articles! Help us document all the cool things teens in Cambridge do all summer, with a style all your own!

College Success Initiative—Are you planning to attend Bunker Hill Community College in the fall? Join the CSI summer program to help you prepare! We will work with BHCC staff and current students to walk you through the steps you need to be extra prepared for enrolling in the fall, and complete a successful first year in college!

East End House Food and the Urban Environment Leadership Program (FUEL) —FUEL is a fun way to spend the summer—learning about gardening, composting, different food systems (organic, conventional, local, etc.) and how to cook healthy food. FUEL is hands on—take field trips to different restaurants and businesses while also creating your own project based on what we've been learning and present it to other FUEL participants and the Cambridge community!

Young People's Project—YPP is a local organization that trains high school students to teach Math Literacy to youth in our community. With the support of a local college student as your coach and mentor, you'll work as part of team with your peers to develop and facilitate fun and interactive math games. Plus, you'll learn about social justice issues that have an impact on you every day, both academically and socially, and learn about what you can do to make life better for yourself and those around you!

The Hip Hop Transformation—Come learn the ins and outs of hip-hop, unleash your rhyming skills, and leave as an artist and performer! Highlights include visiting professional recording studios, recording over professional quality beats, and hearing stories and experiences from established local hip-hop artists. Sound interesting? Then join THHT's fam!

Young Leaders in STEM—A girls leadership and empowerment program designed to use fun, interactive, hands-on activities and field trips to explore social issues and solutions through the lens of science and engineering. If you're looking for a summer job that isn't boring, sweaty, or stuffy, where you can make lifelong friends and have adventures throughout Cambridge and Boston that will challenge and enrich you, this is it!